

Optimal Control Design for Fluid Mixing: from Open-Loop to Closed-Loop

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Mixing phenomena

Mixing is to disperse one material or field in another medium. It occurs in many natural phenomena and industrial applications.



Mixing in painting

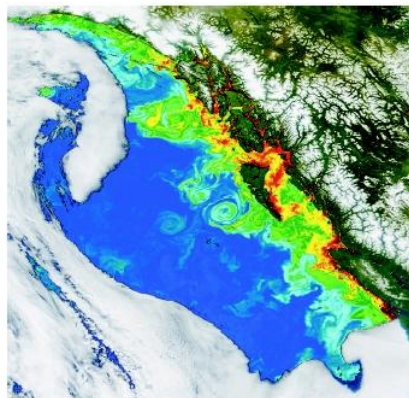


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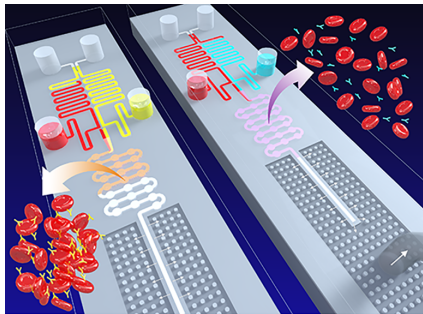
Spreading of a pollutant in the atmosphere



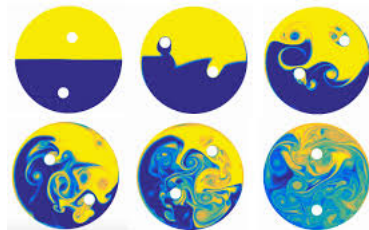
Mixing of temperature, salt, and nutrient in ocean*.

*<http://www.waterencyclopedia.com/Mi-Oc/Ocean-Mixing.html>

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Microfluidic mixing: controllable and fast mixing is critical for practical development of microfluidic and lab-on-chip devices*.



Optimal mixing?

*<https://www.elflow.com/microfluidic-reviews/microfluidic-flow-control/microfluidic-mixers-a-short-review/>

- Optimal boundary control for fluid mixing via flow advection
- Feedback control (sub-optimal) for fluid mixing
 - instantaneous control design
 - approximation of the optimal open-loop control
- Asymptotic behavior of the nonlinear closed-loop system
- Numerical Implementation

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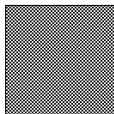
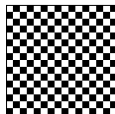
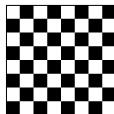
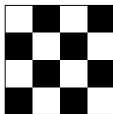
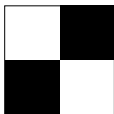
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In fact, any $H^{-\alpha}$ -norm for $\alpha > 0$, which quantifies the weak convergence, can be used as a mix-norm.

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- Elgindi-Zlatoš '18: The answer is affirmative for

$$1 < s < \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad p \in \left[1, \frac{2}{2s + 1 - \sqrt{5}}\right).$$

Objective: optimal mixing via flow advection

- Optimal mixing via Stokes flows

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0.$$

- Optimal mixing via Navier-Stokes flows

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- **Active scalar:** two-way coupling. The transported scalar influences the velocity field through local forces (such as buoyancy)

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where \mathbf{e} is a unit vector in the direction of buoyancy*.

*Hou-Li '05, Chae '06, H.-Kukavica-Zane '13, '15, '16, H. et. al '18, etc.

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Motivated by the observation that moving walls accelerate mixing compared to fixed walls with no-slip boundary condition*, we consider the Navier slip boundary control for mixing

$$v \cdot n|_{\Gamma} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (2\nu n \cdot \mathbb{D}(v) \cdot \tau + k v \cdot \tau)|_{\Gamma} = g \cdot \tau.$$

- n and τ are the outward unit normal and tangential vectors to the boundary Γ
- $\mathbb{D}(v) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla v + (\nabla v)^T)$: deformation tensor
- $k > 0$: coefficient of friction
- g : control input function

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Forward Model Simulations ($\nu = 1$ and $k = 0.5$)

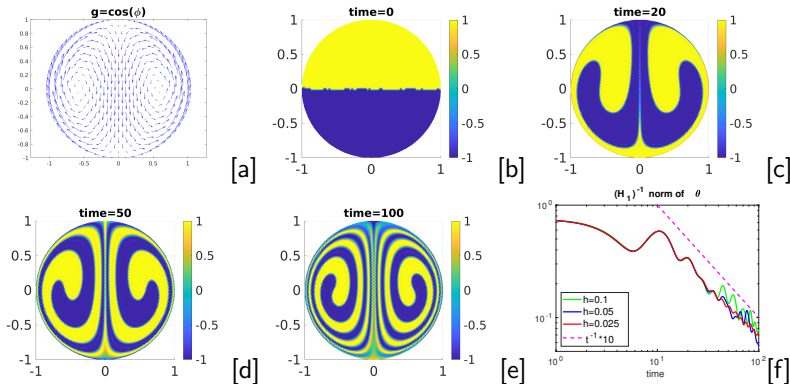


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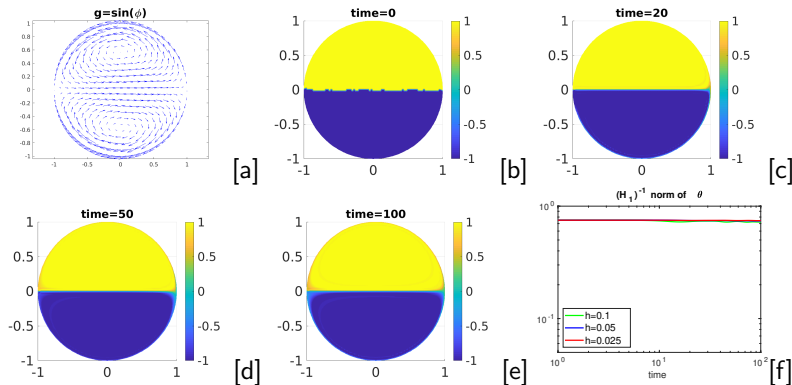


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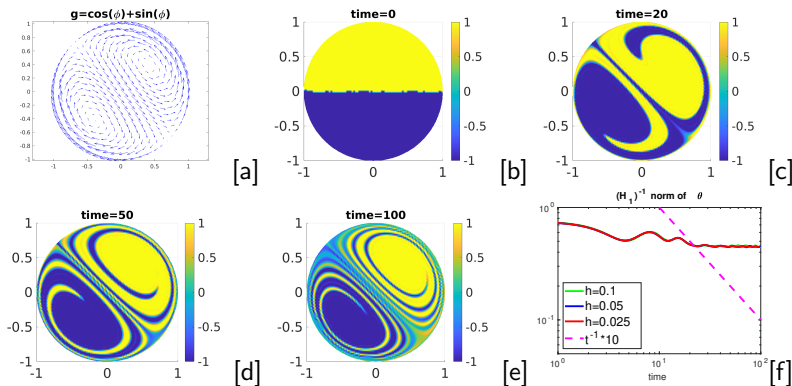


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- **Procedures:** (1) Prove the well-posedness of problem (P); (2) Identify the set of admissible controls; (3) Prove the existence of an optimal control and establish the optimality conditions.

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 - ② Small-scale structures and large gradients of the scalar field will develop in the mixing process.

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- Define

$$V_n^s(\Omega) = \{v \in H^s(\Omega) : \operatorname{div} v = 0, \quad v \cdot n|_{\Gamma} = 0\}, \quad s \geq 0,$$

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- For $(\theta_0, v_0) \in L^\infty(\Omega) \times V_n^0(\Omega)$, there exists $g \in L^2(0, T; V_n^0(\Gamma))$ such that J is finite.

Theorem (Existence, H., AMO (2018))

Assume that $(\theta_0, v_0) \in L^\infty(\Omega) \times V_n^0(\Omega)$. There exists an optimal solution $g \in L^2(0, T; V_n^0(\Gamma))$ to problem (P).

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- As a result, the time derivative of g needs to be penalized

$$U_{ad} = L^2(0, T; V_n^{d/2-1/2+\epsilon}(\Gamma)) \cap H^{d/4-1/4+\epsilon/2}(0, T; V_n^0(\Gamma)), \quad d = 2, 3,$$

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An approximating control approach: passive scalar

Consider

$$\frac{\partial \theta_\epsilon}{\partial t} + v_\epsilon \cdot \nabla \theta_\epsilon = \epsilon \Delta \theta_\epsilon, \quad v_\epsilon = v,$$

with Neumann BC

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial \theta_\epsilon}{\partial n} \Big|_\Gamma = 0.$$

For a given $T > 0$, find a control

$$g_\epsilon \in U_{\epsilon_{\text{ad}}} = L^2(0, T; V_n^0(\Gamma))$$

minimizing the cost functional

$$J_\epsilon(g_\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \|\theta_\epsilon(T)\|_{(H^1(\Omega))'}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|g_\epsilon\|_{U_{\epsilon_{\text{ad}}}}^2. \quad (P_\epsilon)$$

Convergence Issues:

- Does $\theta_\epsilon \rightarrow \theta$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$? **Yes!** (with the condition that $\int_0^T \|\nabla v\|_{L^\infty} d\tau < \infty$).
- Let g_ϵ^{opt} be the optimal solution to (P_ϵ) .
 - Does $g_\epsilon^{\text{opt}} \rightarrow g^{\text{opt}}$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$? **Yes!**
 - Is g^{opt} a solution to the original problem (P) ? **Yes!**

First-order optimality system via an approximating control approach

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Theorem (Uniqueness, H. (AMO, 2018))

For $d = 2$ and $\gamma > 0$ sufficiently large, there exists at most one optimal controller to problem (P).

Mixing in Navier-Stokes flows (d=2)

- **Case I:** Passive scalar field

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla \theta = 0$$

advected by the Navier-Stokes flow

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot v = 0.$$

- **Case II:** Active scalar field advected by the buoyancy-driven flow,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta v + v \cdot \nabla v + \nabla p = \theta e, \quad \nabla \cdot v = 0,$$

where $e = (0, 1)^T$ is a unit vector in the direction of the gravitational acceleration.

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$$J(g) = \frac{1}{2} \|\theta(T)\|_{(H^1(\Omega))'}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|g\|_{U_{ad}}^2 - \frac{\zeta}{2} \int_0^T \|\nabla \times v\|_{L^2}^2 dt, \quad \gamma, \zeta > 0, \quad (P_{NS})$$

for given $T > 0$, where $\nabla \times v = \partial_1 v_2 - \partial_2 v_1$ (H.-Wu, SICON '18, JDE '19).

Numerical implementation for mixing via Stokes flows

- We restrict our interest to the control input function of the form

$$g(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i(t) b_i(x) \in L^2(0, T; V_n^0(\Gamma)),$$

where $\{b_1, \dots, b_M\} \subset V_n^0(\Gamma)$ are prescribed and $\alpha_i(t) \in L^2(0, T)$ are the control functions in time.

- Numerical schemes (H.-Zheng, 2020)
 - Taylor-Hood finite element algorithm together with projection method and BDF2 time discretization for solving the Stokes equations
 - Runge-Kutta DG method for solving the transport equation
 - Gradient decent method with backtracking; conjugate gradient with Polak-Ribière (CG-PR) and Fletcher-Reeves (CG-FR) methods

Ex. 1: $g = \alpha \cos(\phi)\tau$ and $\theta_0 = \tanh(y/0.1)$

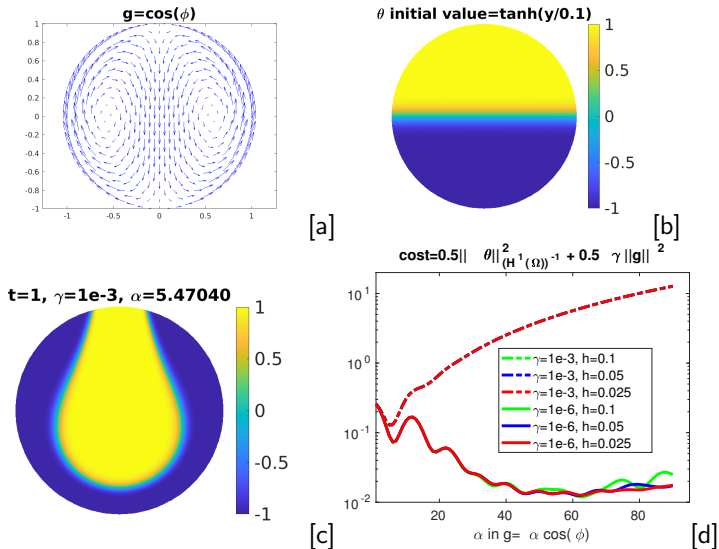


Figure 4. $\Omega = \{(x, y): x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ with a uniform triangulation and $h = 0.025$.

Ex. 1. $\gamma = 1e-6$

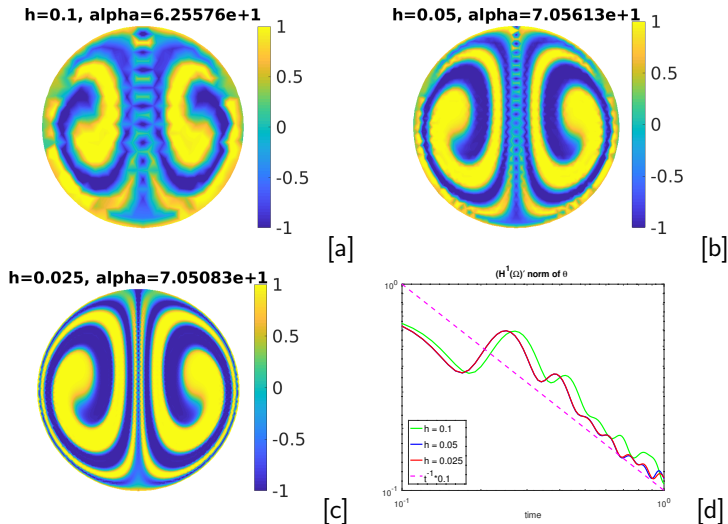


Figure 5. [a,b,c]: optimal numerical solutions of θ at $t = 1$ under meshes $h = 0.1$, $h = 0.05$, and $h = 0.025$, respectively. [d]: $(H^1(\Omega))'$ -norms of θ in time.

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for $\alpha_{1i}, \alpha_{2i} \in \mathbb{R}$.

- N is a positive integer, $\Delta s = \frac{1}{N}$ is the segmentation interval in time.
- $\chi_{((i-1)\Delta s, i\Delta s)}(t) = 1$ is the characteristic function.
- For convenience, we let $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{1N}, \alpha_{21}, \dots, \alpha_{2N})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$.

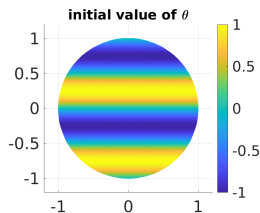
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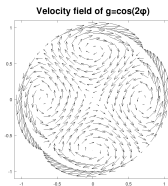
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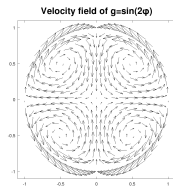
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- $\chi_{((i-1)\Delta s, i\Delta s)}(t) = 1$ is the characteristic function.
- For convenience, we let $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{1N}, \alpha_{21}, \dots, \alpha_{2N})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$.



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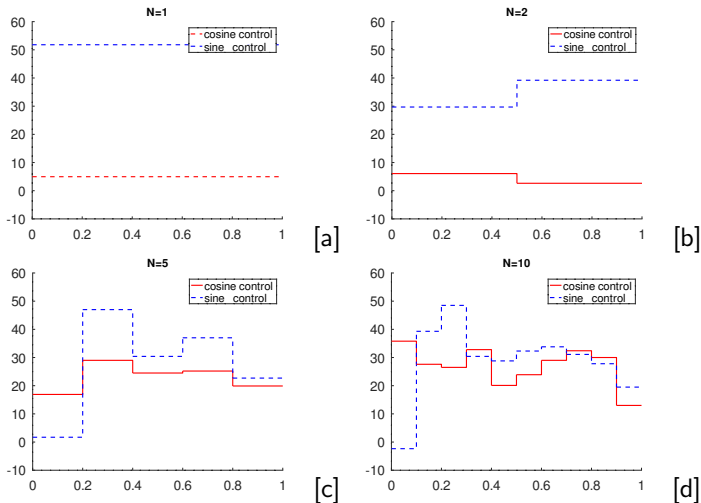


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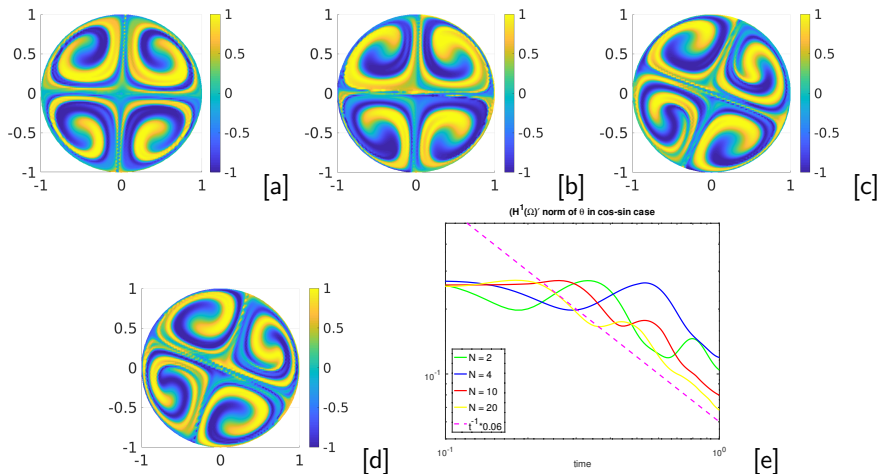


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Ex. 3. Cosine, Sine and 1 based controls

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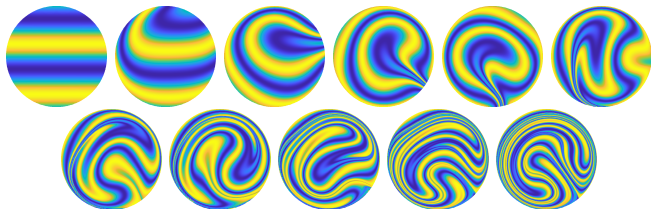


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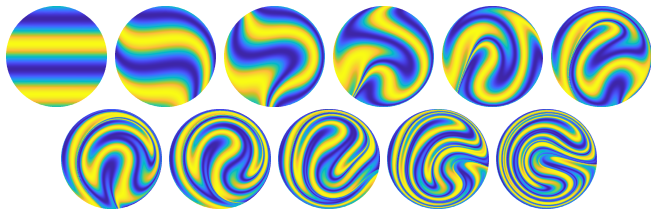


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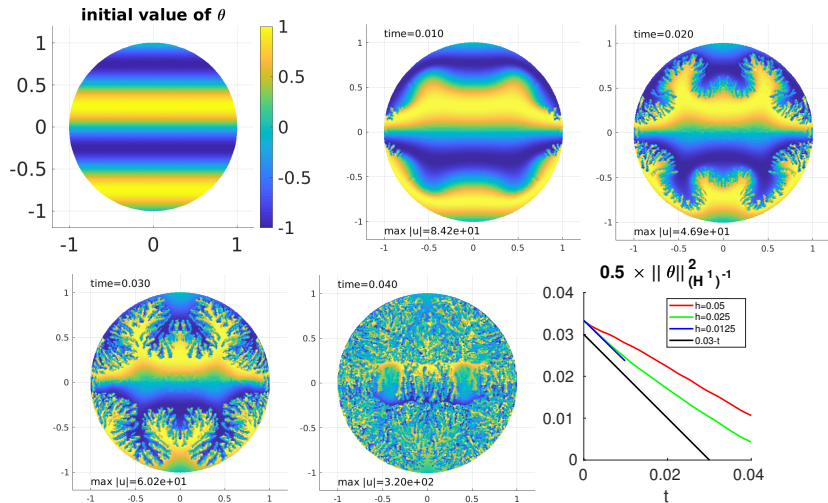


Fig. 4. Initial value: $\theta_0 = \sin(2\pi y)$. Snapshots of density evolution at $t = 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04$, with $\nu = -\frac{\mathbb{P}(\theta \nabla \eta)}{\|\mathbb{P}(\theta \nabla \eta)\|_{L^2}^2}$, $h = 0.0125$.

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Optimize-then-approximate approach (OTA)

Approximation of the optimality system:

- Discretize the optimality system over one step time sub-interval, and then carry the information for the next time sub-interval;
- The state and the adjoint equations will be formulated forward and backward in time, but just for one step, so that the adjoint state can be related to the state explicitly;
- A recursive procedure leads to a sup-optimal continuous feedback law.

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for any $T > 0$.

Well-posedness and stability (cont'd)

- Applying energy estimates yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Total Energy} = \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta\|_{(H^1(\Omega))'}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{h} \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq -C \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 < 0.$$

- **Long-time behavior:**

① $\|v\|_{L^2}, \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}, \|Av(t)\|_{L^2}, \|\partial_t v(t)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty;$

② $\|\theta\|_{(H^1(\Omega))'} \rightarrow c_0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and}$

$$c_0 < \sqrt{\|\Lambda\eta_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{h} \|v_0\|_{L^2}^2 + \gamma(2\|\mathbb{D}v_0\|_{L^2}^2 + k\|v_0 \cdot \tau\|_{L^2}^2)};$$

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Numerical simulation of the closed-loop system

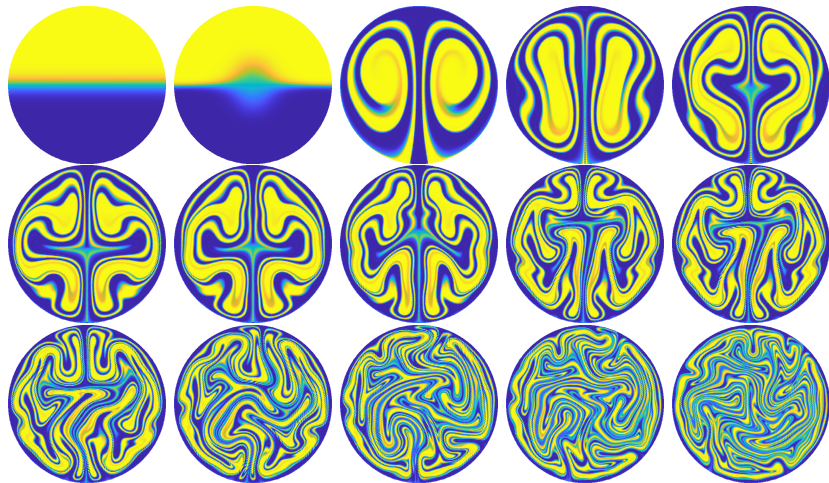
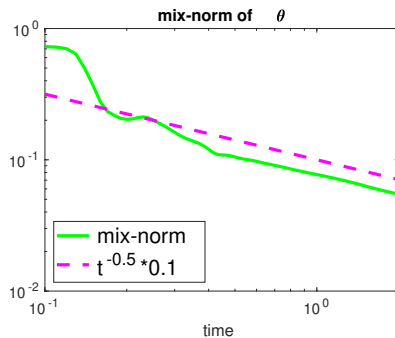


Fig. 5. $\theta_0 = \tanh(y/0.1)$. Density evolution for $t \in [0, 2]$, $h = 0.0125$, $\delta = 0.1$, $\gamma = 1e-6$

Mixing decay rate in time



- Investigate the optimality of the feedback laws
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- Analyze the asymptotic behavior of the closed-loop system by localized internal control and Navier slip boundary control



Thank you for your attention!
Questions?